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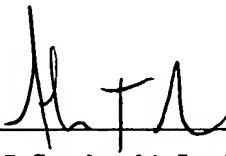

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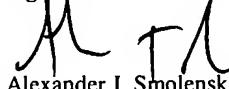
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List of Sections Forming Part of This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

(check sections forming a part of this statement: discard unused sections and number pages consecutively)

1. Preliminary Statements
2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449)
3. Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. Cumulative Patents or Publications
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7. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
 - 7A. EPO Search Report
 - 7B. English Language Version of EPO Search Report
8. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
9. Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items (Optional)
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NOTE :"Once the minimum requirements are met, the examiner has an obligation to consider the information." Notice of April 20, 1992 (1138 O.G. 37-41, 37).

Section 1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

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SECTION 2. FORMS PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)

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**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Document Number	Issue Date/ Publication Date	Inventor	Class/Subclass
AA	US 4,203,444		Apr. 1980	Bonnell et al.	128/176
AB	US 4,586,496		May 1986	Keller	128/926
AC	US 4,601,290		Jul. 1986	Effron et al.	128/305
AD	US 5,671,741		Sep. 1997	Lang et al.	128/653.2
AE	US 5,827,289		Oct. 1998	Reiley et al.	606/86
AF	US 6,219,571		Apr. 2001	Hargreaves et al.	600/410
AG	US 6,328,765		Dec. 2001	Hardwick et al.	623/23.72
AH	US 6,352,558		Mar. 2002	Spector M.	623/18.11
AI	US 6,358,253		Mar. 2002	Torrie et al.	606/96
AJ	US 6,375,658		Apr. 2002	Hangody et al.	623/20.18
AK	US 6,443,988		Sep. 2002	Felt et al.	623/17.12
AL	US 6,479,996		Nov. 2002	Hoogeveen et al.	324/309
AM	US 6,520,964		Feb. 2003	Tallarida et al.	606/71
AN	US 6,632,235		Oct. 2003	Weikel et al.	606/192
AO	US 6,652,587		Nov. 2003	Felt et al.	623/20.16
AP	US 6,679,917		Jan. 2004	Ek	600/587

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AQ	US 2002/0059049		May 2002	Bradbury et al.	703/111
AR	US 2002/0087274		Jul. 2002	Alexander et al.	702/19
AS	US 2002/0183850		Dec. 2002	Felt et al.	
AT	US 2003/0216669		Nov. 2003	Lang et al.	600/587
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AW	WO	93/25157		Dec. 1993	Rau et al.	A61B 17/57
AX	WO	00/59411		Oct. 2000	Fell et al.	A61F 2/38
AY	WO	01/19254		Mar. 2001	Cummings et al.	A61B 17/00
AZ	WO	01/70142		Sep. 2001	Carigan et al.	A61F 2/38
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BC	WO	02/34310		May 2002	Dickson et al.	A61L 31/04
BD	WO	02/06268		Dec. 2002	Lang et al.	A61F
BE	WO	03/007788		Jan. 2003	Prasanna et al.	A61F
BF	WO	03/051210		Jun. 2003	Ek et al.	A61B 17/58
BG	WO	04/043305		May 2004	Tsougarakis et al.	A61F 2/30

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Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Author	Title of Article, Title of Journal, Volume Number, Page Numbers, Date
	BH	Lam et al.	X-Ray Diagnosis: A Physician's Approach, ISBN 981-2083-24-7, Index
	BI	Tamez-Pena, J. et al.	“MRI ISOTHROPIC RESOLUTION RECONSTRUCTION FROM TWO ORTHOGONAL SCANS”, Proceedings of the SPIE-The International Society for Optical Engineering SPIE-OMT. Vol. 4322, pp. 87-97, 2001.
	BJ	Taha et al.	“Modeling and design of a custom made cranium implant for large skull reconstruction before a tumor removal”, Phidias Newsletter No. 6, pgs 3-6, June 2001. Retrieved from the Internet: URL: http://www.materialise.com/medical/files/pdf

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	BK	Kidder, J. et al.	“3D model acquisitionk design, planning and manufacturing of orthopaedic devices: a framework”, Proceedings of the SPIE- Advanced Sensor and Control-System Interface, Boston, MA, Vol. 2911, pgs. 9-22, 21 November 1996.
	BL	Carr, J.C. et al.	“Surface Interpolation with Radial Basis Functions for Medical Imaging; IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging, IEEE, Inc. New York, Vol. 16, No. 1, 1 February 1997, pgs. 96-107.
	BM	Ranawat, C.S. et al.	“MacIntosh Hemiarthroplasty in Rheumatoid Knee”, Acta Orthop Belg. 1973 Jan-Feb: 39 (1): pgs. 102-112.
	BN	Blum, B. et al.	“Knee Arthroplasty in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis”, ANN. Rheum. Dis. 1974 Jan: 33 (1): pgs. 1-11.
	BO	Nelson M.D., et al.	“Arthroplasty and Arthrodesis of the Knee Joint”, Orthop. Clin. Noth Am. 1971 Mar: 2 (1): pgs. 245-264.
	BP	McCollum, et al.	“Tibial Plateau Prosthesis in Arthroplasty of the Knee”, J. Bone Joint Surg. Am. 1970 Jun: 52 (4): pgs. 827-828.
	BQ	Hastings, D.E. et al.	“Double Hemiarthroplasty of the Knee in Rheumatoid Arthritis. A Survey of Fifty Consecutive Cases”, J. Bone Joint Surg. Br. 1973 Feb: 55 (1): ;pgs. 112-118.
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	BS	McKeever, D.C. et al.	“The Classic Tibial Plateau Prosthesis”, Clin. Orthop. Relat. Res. 1985 Jan-Feb: (192): ;pgs. 3-12.
	BT	Conaty et al.	“Surgery of the Hip and Knee in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis”, J. Bone Joint Surg. Am. 1973 Mar:55 (2): pgs. 301-314.

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	BV	MacIntosh, D.L.	"Arthroplasty of the Knee in Rheumatoid Arthritis Using the Hemiarthroplasty Prosthesis", Synovectomy and Arthroplasty in Rheumatoid Arthritis, pp. 79-80, Second Int'l. symposium, Jan. 27-29, 1967 (Basle, Switzerland).
	BW	Stauffer, R. et al.	"The MacIntosh prosthesis. Prospective Clinical and Gait Evaluation", Arch. Surg. 1975 Jun: 110 (6): pgs. 717-720.
	BX	Clary, B.B. et al.	"Experience with the MacIntosh Knee Prosthesis", South Med. J. 1972 Mar: 65 (3): pgs. 265-272.
	BY	Gelman, M.D. et al.	"Kinematics of the Knee After Prosthetic Replacements", Clin. Orthop. 1975 May: (108): pgs. 149-157.
	BZ	Henderson, M.D. et al.	"Experience with the Use of the MacIntosh Prosthesis in Knees of Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis", South. Med. J. 1969 Nov: 62 (11): pgs. 1311-1315.
	CA	Potter, M.D.	"Arthroplasty of the Knee With Tibial Metallis Implants of the McKeever and MacIntosh Design", Surg. Clin. North Am. 1969 Aug: 49 (4): pgs. 903-915.
	CB	Potter, T.A. et al.	"Arthroplasty of the Knee in Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis: A Follow-up Study After Implantation of the McKeever and MacIntosh Prostheses", J. Bone Joint Surg. Am. 1972 Jan: 54 (1): pgs. 1-24.
	CC	Bogoch et al.	"Supracondylar Fractures of the Femur Adjacent to Resurfacing and MacIntosh Arthroplasties of the Knee in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis", Clin. Orthop. 1988 Apr. (229): pgs. 213-220.

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	CD	Cameron et al.	"Review of a Failed Knee Replacement and Some Observations on the Design of a Knee Resurfacing Prosthesis", Arch. Orthop. Trauma Surg. 1980: 97 (2): pgs. 87-89.
	CE	Kates, A. et al.	"Experiences of Arthroplasty of the Rheumatoid Knee Using MacIntosh Prostheses", Ann. Rheum. Dis. 1969 May: 28 (3): pg. 328.
	CF	Jessop, J.D. et al.	"Follow-up of the MacIntosh Arthroplasty of the Knee Joint", Rheumatol Phys. Med. 1972 Feb: 11 (5): pgs. 217-224.
	CG	Andersson, G.B. et al.	"MacIntosh Arthroplasty In Rheumatoid Arthritis", Acta. Orthrop. Scand. 1974: 45 (2): pgs. 245-259.
	CH	Wordsworth et al.	"MacIntosh Arthroplasty for the Rheumatoid Knee: A 10-year Follow Up", Ann. Rheum. Dis. 1985 Nov: 44 (11): pgs. 738-741.
	CI	Kay, N.R. et al.	"The MacIntosh Tibial Plateau Hemiprostheses for the Rheumatoid Knee", J. Bone Joint Surg. Br. 1972 May: 54 (2): pgs. 256-262.
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	CK		International Search Report dated 13 May 2005.

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Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449) accompany this information statement.

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Section 7A. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items—EPO Search Report

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